IN THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A speech recognition unit, comprising:

a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries mutually hierarchically related;

an extractor that extracts a desired dictionary, ~~the frequency of use of which is high~~ on the basis of frequency of use by a user, out of said speech recognition dictionaries as a list of queuing words;

a selector that selects the desired dictionary out of the speech recognition dictionaries;

a storage that stores the desired dictionary selected by said selector as a list of queuing words at a higher-order hierarchy than a hierarchy set beforehand together with a normal dictionary extracted by said extractor; and

a recognizer that recognizes input speech by comparing the input speech and the list of queuing words stored in said storage.

2.   (Previously Presented) The speech recognition unit according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of speech recognition dictionaries comprises:

a classification dictionary storing classification names of institutions; and

an institution dictionary storing names of institutions which belong to respective classifications of institutions.

3.   (Previously Presented) The speech recognition unit according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of speech recognition dictionaries comprises:

an area dictionary storing area names; and

an institution dictionary storing the names of institutions existing in respective areas.

4.   (Previously Presented) The speech recognition unit according to Claim 2, wherein said selector selects the institution dictionary as the desired dictionary.

5.   (Previously Presented) The speech recognition unit according to Claim 3, wherein said selector selects the institution dictionary as the desired dictionary.

6.   (Previously Presented) The speech recognition unit according to Claim 4, wherein said extractor extracts a dictionary at a low-order hierarchy of recognized voice as queuing words; and

wherein said extractor extracts a dictionary which belongs to a dictionary selected by said selector and which is located at a low-order hierarchy of the recognized voice extracts as queuing words.

7.   (Previously Presented) The speech recognition unit according to Claim 5, wherein said extractor extracts a dictionary at a low-order hierarchy of recognized voice as queuing words; and

wherein said extractor extracts a dictionary which belongs to a dictionary selected by said selector and which is located at a low-order hierarchy of the recognized voice extracts as queuing words.

8.   (Currently Amended) A speech recognition method for a speech recognition unit having

a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries mutually hierarchically related, said method

comprising the steps of:

preparing dictionaries classified according to at least one narrowing-down condition set

on the basis of frequency of use by a user beforehand together with a dictionary for narrowing

down at a high-order hierarchy as objects of recognition; and

recognizing input speech by using the dictionaries classified according to at least one

narrowing-down condition set by a user beforehand and the dictionary for narrowing down at a

high-order hierarchy~

~~wherein the dictionaries classified according to at least one narrowing-down condition set~~

~~by a user beforehand are dictionaries the frequency of use of which is high.~~

9.   (Canceled)

10.   (Currently Amended) A speech recognition unit, comprising:

a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries mutually hierarchically related;

an extractor that extracts a desired dictionary, on the basis of frequency of use by a user,

out of the speech recognition dictionaries as a list of queuing words;

a storage that stores the list of queuing words in the dictionary extracted by said

extractor; and

a recognizer that recognizes input speech by comparing the input speech and the list of

queuing words stored in said storage;

wherein when speech is recognized by said recognizer, said extractor extracts a dictionary at a low-order hierarchy of recognized speech as queuing words and said storage stores the low-order dictionary extracted by said extractor; and

a queuing word related to the recognized speech out of the queuing words stored in said storage when the speech is recognized is stored as an object of comparison in succession, ~~and~~

~~a dictionary classified according to at least one narrowing-down condition set by a user beforehand, the frequency of use of which is high.~~

11.   (Currently Amended) A speech recognition method for recognizing input speech by extracting a desired dictionary out of a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries mutually hierarchically related as a list of queuing words, storing the list of queuing words in the extracted dictionary and comparing input speech and the list of the stored queuing words, said method comprising the steps of:

extracting a dictionary at a low-order hierarchy of recognized speech when speech is recognized;

storing the extracted dictionary;

storing a queuing word related to the recognized speech out of the queuing words stored when the speech is recognized as an object of comparison in succession, and

extracting a dictionary classified according to at least one narrowing-down condition set by a use beforehand, on the basis of the frequency of use ~~of which is high~~.